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## Blood Donors Honored for Dedication at Annual Event

Tacoma, WA – Over 400 donors and guests were honored at the fifth annual Donor Appreciation Event that took place at Tacoma Union Station on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. The special guest speaker was Mr. Wayne Mangan, an out-spoken proponent of both blood donation and bone marrow registration. Mr. Mangan, who is fighting chronic myelogenous leukemia, was awarded the Community Inspiration Award for raising awareness of the need for blood and bone marrow donors.

Community members who have donated ten or more gallons of whole blood or pheresis platelets and frequent donors were invited to the annual event. Also invited were blood drive coordinators from over 300 businesses in the South Puget Sound who host regular blood drives. Honorees included Weyerhaeuser, St. John the Baptist Church and Todd Beamer High School as well as several donors who made extraordinary sacrifices in 2007.

“Without these blood drives and without these committed donors, Cascade Regional Blood Services would not be able to maintain the safe and consistent blood supply to local hospitals,” according to Christine Swinehart, President and CEO.

Cascade Regional Blood Services’ mission is to provide a safe and cost effective supply of blood and blood components to the communities it serves. Cascade has served local hospitals in the South Puget Sound area since 1946.

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Chris Swinehart & Scott Haines.



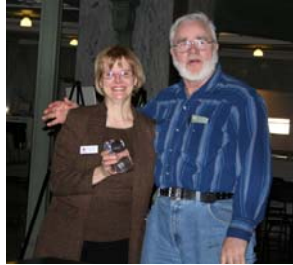
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Mr. Wayne Mangan.



Mr. Joe Stortini.